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## Defend U.S. in Peace as in War

By Lester Rodney

WASHINGTON, May 8. —Chartered buses carrying the 400 Communist veterans pulled up across the street from the Navy Building. The vets poured out and gathered in a semi-circle on the grass before the heroic bronze monument to the men of Iwo Jima. On the granite base were inscribed the Four Freedoms: Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech.

Around the monument, snapping briskly in the midday breeze, were the many-colored flags of the states of the Union. In bold relief stood the familiar but always stirring tableau of the flag-raising on Mount Surabachi, and across the face of the monument were the words "Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue."

As passersby stopped to join the throng and cameras clicked, two Communist delegates stepped forward carrying a large floral wreath. They were Paul Estrada, a Negro law student of Milwaukee who enlisted in the Marines at the age of 17 and fought on Iwo Jima with the Fifth Division, and gray-haired Bob Kelly, 38, Communist candidate for mayor of Minneapolis, who fought on Okinawa as a staff sergeant in the Seventh Division.

The cops and plainclothesmen stepped back haltingly but respectfully and heads were bared as Estrada and Kelly stepped forward and in perfect unison bent to



Communist veterans entrain at New York for the National Encampment in Washington

lay the wreath at the foot of the monument.

That was all. A moment in the life of busy Washington, D.C. The reporters moved forward to get the names of the two Communists, passersby went on their way, two taxis that had stopped in the street to watch lurched away, and the hundreds of Communist delegates from every part of our land started back to Turner's Arena.

**TURNER'S ARENA** is Washington's own Madison Sq. Garden. Prize fights, concerts, wrestling and assorted events keep it busy. Today it is draped in American flags and bunting.

High above the speakers platform are five life-sized pictures of Communists who gave their lives in the fight against Fascism. Herman Bottcher, the one man army of the Pacific, hero of two wars. Alex Suer, laughing young Philadelphia dentist whose reckless courage under fire earned him the Distinguished Service Cross with cluster and the Silver Star. Dave Doran, young Communist hero of Spain, now long dead but never forgotten. Blue-eyed Hank Forbes, who fell at Anzio as he lived, face to the enemy. Milton Herndon, young Negro Communist who went to Spain and did not come back.

Above the pictures, clear across the arena, runs the banner: — "COMMUNIST VETERANS DEFEND AMERICA IN PEACE AS IN WAR."

**ON THE SIDE** is another banner quoting Major General Clayton Bissell's reminder that Communist soldiers "defended the Constitution of the United States with force and violence."

Down the middle of the arena are state signs, rallying points for the delegates. Before the session there's a cheerful hubbub as Michigan shakes hands with Carolina, the delegates who flew from California in

a day chat with the Negro and white delegation who came from Wisconsin in a jalopy in three days.

When John Gates states simply in his opening remarks: "... for we want everyone to know we are Americans and we are Communists," a roaring, stamping cheer pours from the delegates. This is the temper of the day. This is what the delegates feel uppermost and want to shout loudest.

We are Communists. Do you hear, J. Parnell Thomas? Americans and Communists and we fought for the country we love and we're still fighting for it and we'll never stop. ...



# Salute to War Dead Opens Communist Vets' Bivouac

By Rob F. Hall

Ex-private, 70th Infantry Division

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Five hundred Communist veterans today convened their First National Encampment with a tribute to the war dead and a solemn oath to carry on the fight for democracy.

"We are here to rededicate ourselves to the great anti-fascist objectives and democratic causes for which we fought and so many of our comrades died," said keynoter Robert Thompson, staff sergeant and holder of the Distinguished Service Cross. "To the men of Wall

Street who are organizing a drive to cripple trade unions, destroy our party and enslave the world, we say 'No Pasaran,'" Thompson declared.

Thompson said the Communist vets don't claim to speak for the 13 million veterans of this war, "but we don't like the way certain swivel chair corporation executives—vintage of 1918—try to usurp the right to speak for the great mass of veterans. We think it about time that the labor and progressive movement sets out to break the virtual monopoly which stooges for big business have for too long enjoyed as self-styled veterans' spokesmen."

## PRESENTS PROGRAM

Gates presented a draft program on the veterans' affairs to the encampment calling for:

"A federal housing program to start immediate construction of 10,000,000 homes in five years."

Gates reported the results of an investigation in the South which proved "a deliberate conspiracy to prevent Negro veterans from receiving their terminal leave pay." Only one percent of eligible Negro veterans in Mississippi have filed such claims, he said.

He charged that Negro vets in the South can't even get blanks to file their claims.

The program, which aroused considerable discussion by delegates from many states, also called for increased subsistence pay to student vets and job-trainees.

Passage of a federal bonus with a \$3,500 top for domestic service and \$4,500 for overseas service was also endorsed.

## WOMEN VETS

Tommy Dennis, Negro vet from Michigan, wanted to know why the problems of women veterans were neglected, and his proposal to fight discrimination against former WACS, WAVES, SPARS and lady marines was applauded by delegates. Phil Bock of Los Angeles said this veterans' program is going to cost a lot of money. But he pointed to the swollen corporation profits as a source of revenue.

Because American Communists oppose the master plan of the two capitalist parties to straight-jacket labor, the Party is the main target of attacks by big business and its spokesmen in Congress and government, Thompson said.

"That is why the general secretary of our party, Eugene Dennis, was brought before a grand jury in this city last Monday and is being threatened with jail," he said.

Thompson compared Dennis' war record with that of a brass hat he knew in the army. "In the middle thirties, the officer was employed as a spy against labor, while Dennis was organizing and leading the struggles fomented. While the brass was enjoying luxury, Dennis was risking his neck in China and the Far Pacific helping to organize the resistance of the peoples against Japanese aggression."

## VOLUNTEERED

During World War II Dennis was "volunteering his services and his invaluable knowledge of the anti-imperialist movement of Asia to an appropriate government agency. He was working 20 hours a day to help mobilize labor and progressive forces of our country for the fullest and most effective support of our country's war effort."

Today Dennis and the Communists are the "firstline target of a government that has forsaken the

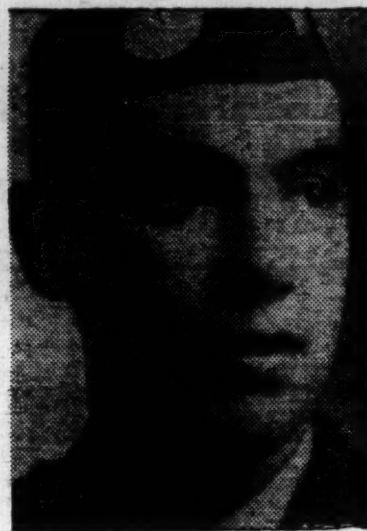
program of Roosevelt and betrayed the American people," Thompson stated.

"We fought German, Japanese and Italian Fascism abroad in the US armed forces," said Thompson, "and we intend to fight Wall Street fascism in the political life of our country here at home."

Dennis, with William Z. Foster and Paul Robeson, were scheduled as main speakers at a mass meeting tonight.

The Communist veterans also prepared to climax their two-day meeting by descending on mass Wall Street Congress to demand action on a seven-point legislative program.

Senate president Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich) rebuffed a delegation of 25 Communist veterans from his home state who tried to arrange a personal meeting with him.



Pvt. Hank Forbes (left) and Capt. Alexander Suer, who were among the Communist vets who gave their lives for their country.

# Legion Brass Helped Slash Vets Housing, Gates Says

By Joseph Clark

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The prediction of American Legion commander Paul Griffith that the housing crisis would be solved this year came home to roost today. John Gates, national veterans director of the Communist Party told the First National Encampment

impose Fascism on our land."

Congressmen John H. Rankin (D-Miss) and J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ) call Communists un-American, said Frankfeld, and reverting to the GI idiom, he exploded; "Rankin can blow it out of his A-bag and Thomas out of his B-bag. We are the front line soldiers in the fight to defend democracy."

Frankfeld introduced John Gates, permanent chairman of the encampment, a lieutenant colonel in the Spanish Republican army and a first sergeant in the 101st Airborne Infantry. Gates pointed out American-Communists had fought for the four freedoms on every battlefield of World War II. They will continue that fight, he asserted.

## TRIBUTE TO DEAD

A tribute to the dead was delivered by James E. Jackson, formerly a leader of the Southern Negro Youth Movement and now educational director of the Michigan Communist Party. As Jackson, an ex-sergeant who saw duty in the Pacific, spoke, a hush fell upon the audience.

"They lie beneath the seas of all the earth and the soils of far-distant places, from Salerno to

Myitkyina, from Normandy to Saipan. They were our buddies, our comrades in arms."

"To you, oh comrades, we pledge unswerving allegiance to the fulfillment of these goals for which you gave your last full measure of devotion, that Freedom, Democracy, Peace and Prosperity shall yet prevail in our America and throughout the earth."

As the bugle sang Taps, delegates stood in silence while Gates read aloud names of Communists who gave their lives in the war against Fascism.

## INTRODUCE THOMPSON

Gates introduced Thompson as winner of the DSC for heroism in action in the Battle of New Guinea. Thompson also fought in Spain, Gates pointed out, and at the age of 21 was commander of a battalion in the Lincoln Brigade—"one of our best battalion commanders," Gates added.

## Jewish War Vets

## Endorse Buckley Bill

The New York regional conference of the Jewish War Veterans has endorsed the Buckley Bill to outlaw anti-Semitism and called for a nationwide campaign for its passage, it was announced yesterday.

The Buckley Bill (HR 2848), which would make illegal the dissemination of anti-Semitic propaganda, was initiated by the American Jewish Labor Council.

## Park Ceremony to

## Hear 3 Ministers

Plans for the city-sponsored I Am An American Day ceremony to be held on Sunday, May 18, on the Mall in Central Park began to take shape with an announcement yesterday by Mayor William O'Dwyer that the three principal religious faiths will be represented on the official program.

# They Died So Liberty Might Live

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Here are the names—a partial list of Communists who gave their lives in the struggle for democracy—which Chairman John Gates read aloud while delegates to the First National Encampment of Communist Veterans stood in silence:

Pvt. Hank Forbes, Western Pennsylvania.

S/Sgt. Harold C. Spring, bronze star medal and the oak leaf cluster, Seattle Wash.

S/Sgt. Ben Spungin, Worcester, Mass.

Pvt. Dave Altman, cited by regimental commander "for exemplary conduct in action."

Sgt. William Allander.

T/Sgt. Jerry Weinberg, Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pvt. Meyer Lederman.

Lt. Philip Childs.

Pvt. Seymour Keidan.

Capt. Alexander Peter Suer, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Presidential Unit Citation, oak leaf cluster.

Pfc. Carl Leiber.

S/Sgt. Milton Chopak.

Pvt. Irving Rubinstein.

T/Sgt. Gerald "Whitey" Silver.

Pfc. Ben Gardner.

Sgt. Sid Kurtz.

Lt. Conrad Silverman.

Sgt. Harry Lustgarten.

Capt. Julius C. Hene.

Pvt. Robert Fitzmeyer.

Pvt. Sid Rosenblatt.

Pvt. Morrie Smolan.

Pvt. Ernest Kozlowki.

Sgt. Sam Banks.

Pvt. Joseph Freeman.

Pvt. Bill Hanchett.

Pvt. Phil Kershaw.

Pvt. Ted Gregory.

Lt. Thomas R. Potts, bronze star and oak leaf cluster.

Pvt. Paul Campbell.

Capt. Dewey Davis.

Lt. Margos Margosian.

Pvt. Arthur Solomon.

Pvt. S. J. Davis.

Lt. Frank Orlick.

Pvt. W. Nuchem.

Pvt. Vincent Sharkey.

## AVC Asks Support For Housing Program

Congratulating Maj. Gen. Thomas F. Farrell on his appointment as chairman of the New York City Housing Authority, the American Veterans Committee New York Area Council yesterday urged that he endorse self-supporting public housing.

Matthew Smith, city housing chairman of AVC, wired Farrell that self-supporting public housing was "the solution to the New York City housing shortage."

## Niagara Falls Labor Rally to Hear Mead

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., May 8.—Former Senator James M. Mead will be among speakers at a demonstration against labor shackling bills to be staged here 3 p.m. Friday jointly by AFL, CIO and railroad unions with a membership of 15,000.

Others to address the meeting are Charles Doyle, vice-president of the CIO's United Chemical Workers; secretary-treasurer Harold C. Hanover of the AFL's State Federation of Labor and Assemblyman Ernest Curtz.

Protest the Truman Doctrine in Greece and Turkey! Come to the Foster Meeting at Madison Square Garden, Wed., May 14



## LABOR and the NATION

## Senate Curtails Checkoff, Union-Run Welfare Funds

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Senate action on the Taft anti-labor bill shifted to another amendment aimed at unions today, after the upper chamber approved a provision curtailing health and welfare funds.

The provision bans health and welfare funds administered by unions, and requires individual authorization for checkoff of dues payments. It provides a maximum penalty of \$10,000 and a year in jail.

Approval of the welfare-checkoff proposal by a count of 48 to 40 marked the second closest tally in the series of test votes on the omnibus union-busting measure. Closest vote came yesterday when the amendment limiting industry-wide bargaining lost 44 to 43.

Fourteen Republicans joined with 26 Democrats in today's unsuccessful effort to kill the welfare-checkoff limitations. Fifteen Southern Democrats, including two from Maryland, combined with 33 Republicans to pass the amendment.

## AIM AT UMW

Sen. Taft (R-O) hinted the new section could be applied to the United Mine Workers welfare fund.

Sen. Ives (R-NY) and Sen. Morse (R-Ore) both attacked the amendment, terming it ill-conceived. Morse said vacation funds of garment worker could be banned under the provision.

Current debate is around the fourth stiffening amendment of the GOP leadership, which allows employers to sue unions for alleged damages growing out of jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts. Taft modified the original version today by eliminating a pro-

vision permitting employers to seek injunctions.

He decided to soften it when signs indicated stiff opposition developing in his own party to the injunction clause. The National Labor Relations Board, however, would be able to seek temporary injunctions.

Sen. Thomas (D-Utah) led off the attack on the newest amendment, warning it was part of the pattern of wrecking unions and a return to unbridled corporate rule.



SEN. TOM ANGLIN, dean of the Oklahoma State Senate, was shot by Rep. Jimmie Scott, 34, on the floor of the Senate, in a grudge fight over a divorce case. Scott, a Marine veteran, war arrested minutes later and jailed.

## Half of U.S. Families Get Under \$45 a Wk.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Half the families in the U.S. received total incomes of less than \$45.73 a week, according to a Census Bureau report made public today. The report

said the "median" family income was \$2,378 for the year. This means half the families received more and half less. The family income is not the same as wages. It includes the take-in of all members of the family, including allotments from soldiers in the armed forces.

The Bureau report said only one family in 10 received as high as \$5,000 a year in that banner income year.

## STANDARDS DROP

With fewer people earning money than in 1945, and with overtime virtually ended, family income to-

day is undoubtedly lower than it was in 1945, despite higher wage rates since the war ended. And with prices at least 20 percent higher, living standards today are much below 1945 even though more peacetime goods are being produced.

The '45 median figure of \$45.73 is about \$15 a week less than the income estimated as necessary at that time to support a family of four. In other words half of America's families were more than \$15 short, in most cases much more, of the amount needed for decent living.

This year, the amount needed by a family of four for decent living is estimated to be \$72 a week, or \$26 more than the "median" family income in 1945.

## Executioners Were Drunk, Says Willie Francis' 11th-Hour Plea

NEW IBERIA, La., May 8.—Willie Francis doesn't want another miracle. He's had his hell on earth.

"I want the machine to work this time," Willie said forlornly. "I want to die because as soon as I do I am going to the Lord."

Francis, 18-year-old Negro youth, will sit in Louisiana's portable electric chair for the second time between noon and 3 p.m. (CST) tomorrow.

The U. S. Supreme Court squashed the last chance this afternoon

that Francis would be reprieved.

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson announced from the bench in Washington that the court had rejected two appeals filed by Willie's lawyers, Bertrand de Blanc and J. Skelly Wright.

Wright told the court last year's abortive attempt to execute Francis was a "disgraceful and inhuman exhibition."

He said the executioner and other officials at the scene were so drunk it was impossible for them to know

what they were doing. But the court ruled 6 to 2 that this charge could not be brought in an original appeal to the Supreme Court.

## Miss Truman to Sing For Beegle Concerts

PITTSBURGH, May 8 (UP).—Margaret Truman, daughter of the President, will make her national concert debut in Pittsburgh May 20, it was announced today by Tom Beegle, manager of Beegle Concerts.

Beegle said he received Miss Truman's signed contract today. He said her appearance at Syria Mosque here will be the first of a series of personal appearances throughout the country.

## Long Lines Union Signs But Respects Pickets

The long lines telephone workers yesterday reached a settlement with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. (A.T.&T.) but phone service remained tied up here and in other areas as workers pledged to respect the picket lines of still-striking unions.

The long distance agreement was reached in Washington early yesterday morning. It granted wage increases averaging 11 cents an hour. This figure will vary from job to job and city to city and will actually mean raises of from \$2 to \$5. Original demand of the strikers was \$12 a week.

The New York-New Jersey area remained strikebound because of the failure of the Western Electric Co., chief manufacturing subsidiary of A.T.&T., to submit a counter-offer to the \$6 demand of two striking unions. About 42,000 workers are involved.

Pickets of 28 unions were still marching in many states. The

workers who reached agreement yesterday were 20,000 operators, maintenance men and clerks manning A.T.&T.'s long lines. West coast, mountain, southern and midwest states were still largely tied up, however.

While the long lines workers won some lesser concessions, such demands as the union shop and shorter advancement schedules were denied. Terms included a wage differential of \$1.40 a day for temporary supervisors, maintenance of union membership, arbitration of discharges, demotions and promotions, travel time for construction gangs, no discrimination against strikers.

The contract will run for one year.

## THE ARMY ENDS JIMCROW—IN ITS CEMETERIES

The Army has ended its Jimcrow policy—in the cemetery. Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson killed the traditional custom of segregating graves sites in national cemeteries with a policy directive April 23.

Army officers and enlisted personnel will be assigned "uniform burial facilities without distinction as to rank and race."

The order covers future burials in new sections of military cemeteries. Army "brass" and enlisted personnel will be buried side by side, thus completely democratizing the last mile.

The practice of separating the graves of white officers from Negro officers, and of white enlisted personnel from Negro enlisted personnel goes back to 1911.

## MAYOR GREET'S 'YOUNG JIM' LARKIN TODAY

"Young Jim" Larkin, member of the Irish Dail (Parliament), and general secretary of the Workers Union of Ireland, arrived in LaGuardia Field yesterday from his native Eire for a short visit in the United States.

Larkin will be greeted by Mayor O'Dwyer at noon today, the New York CIO Council has announced in a press release.

He will be honored by AFL and CIO leaders at the luncheon-reception at the Hotel Commodore Saturday, the CIO Council, which is sponsoring the affair, also reported.

Larkin will be the chief speaker Monday night at Manhattan Center at the annual James Connolly memorial meeting.

Connolly, dearest friend and la-

bor colleague of Larkin's father, the famous James Larkin, Sr., was militant commander of the Dublin contingent in the Easter Rebellion of 1916.

Connolly was wounded in the week-long battle that ranged in front of the Dublin Post Office, the Four Courts and other revolutionary strongholds.

He was executed by a British firing squad 31 years ago, after his maimed body had been propped up in a chair to receive the fatal volley.

It is expected Larkin will tell of the struggle to unite the North and South of Ireland in a unified nation. The British hold the industrial North with its six counties; Eire has the southern 26 counties.

"Young Jim," as he is sometimes called, represents the new labor movement, which his father and Connolly organized before the first world war.

The campaign climaxed in a series of strikes that swept the green isle in 1913, and that united the workers in the North and the South.

Larkin, Sr., was a popular figure in Irish-American circles. His son is here as the guest of the Transport Workers Union, CIO.

Transport union leaders have often recalled that Connolly originally outlined the industrial form of organization for the subways and trolleys of New York, which the union adopted after its birth in 1934.

## Packinghouse Union Asks 15c Pay Rise

By Ruby Cooper

CLEVELAND, May 8.—Asserting that "the sharp rise in living costs make increased wages an urgent necessity," the CIO United Packinghouse Workers convention here voted to demand a 15 cents an hour raise

for 200,000 members under wage-reopening provisions in current contracts with meat packers.

"The employers of the meat industry are reaping record profits since the destruction of price controls, making it possible for the meat trust to grant a substantial wage increase," the wage policy statement adopted by the 400 delegates declared.

Declaring the meat packers sought in the past to exploit differences and divisions between AFL and CIO unions in the industry, the convention urged "fullest cooperation" of the two unions behind the wage demand.

The delegates instructed officers to seek coordinated action with the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen.

## TO SUBMIT DEMANDS

Immediately following adoption of the wage demands, President Ralph Helstein announced they would be submitted next day to the big four meat packers—Armours, Swift & Co., Cudahy, and Wilson—and all other meat packing companies with which the union has contracts.

"The meat packers were among the leaders of the drive to kill OPA," Helstein said. "Their organized campaign to withhold livestock last fall was the final blow against price control."

"Since OPA was destroyed, living costs have risen more than 20 percent and the government, as yet, has not taken any firm action against unlimited profiteering."

the union president stated.

"What we have instead is a continuation of price rises and only a totally unrealistic plea from our government for voluntary price cuts by American industry."

"The present disparity between wages and prices contain the seeds for an economic catastrophe which would exceed any experienced by our nation," Helstein added.

The convention adopted an economic program to be sought when present contracts expire. Chief features are the establishment of a 30-hour work week with 40 hours pay; a guaranteed annual wage; elimination of all geographic, sex, and intra plant inequalities; and adequate medical, health and hospital plan to be financed by the employers; severance pay; and more liberal vacation clauses.

Resolutions adopted by the convention today included condemnation of the Thomas-Rankin Un-American Activities Committee; denunciation of the fascist Columbians organization; and a pledge of full support to the World Federation of Trade Unions.

The Thomas-Rankin Committee "constitutes a grave blow to the civil rights of Americans and an encouragement of fascist-minded organizations throughout the country," declared the resolution.

Scheduled to end tonight, the convention yesterday suspended the rules to permit more time today to complete the must business before it.



# Brazilian High Court To Get CP Appeal

The Brazilian Communist Party announced yesterday it was appealing the Electoral Tribunal's ban to the Supreme Court of Brazil. Luis Carlos Prestes, general secretary of the Party, and a senator of the republic, was quoted as saying: "We are calmly await-

ing the final decision of Brazilian justice. For the dominant classes, the Brazilian Communist Party has already been annihilated many times, but it is still alive."

On Wednesday, the Party had been declared "inimical to the democratic regime" by the Electoral Tribunal in a three to two decision, on the indictment of the attorney general, Alceu Barbedo.

But United Press says that "three of Rio's four leading morn-

sharp factions, and several smaller groups also have representatives.

## RAID CLUBS

Meanwhile, Brazilian police and detectives were said to have occupied the headquarters of 445 Communist clubs throughout the country.

Whether the seven Communist daily papers, including *Tribuna Popular* in Rio and *Hoje* in Sao

Paulo were closed down, was not made clear.

Whether any action is contemplated against the Communist deputies and the 18 members of Rio's City Council was also not indicated in our dispatches.

The Fourth Communist Congress, scheduled for May 23, was however, called off by Prestes.

## AFL Painters' Leader Blasts Ban On Brazil Communists, Unions

Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of the Painters District Council 9, AFL and Morris Gainor, president, have branded the outlawing of the Communist Party in Brazil and the dissolution of the General Confederation of Brazilian Workers as "a replica of Hitler's acts following the Reichstag fire."

"Is it an accident or coincidence," the statement asked, "that our Congress is debating the grant of \$400,000,000 to bolster up Fascism in Greece and strengthen Fascist reaction in Turkey?"

"Our Senate is engaged in a

debate to outlaw the trade union movement in this country. Rankin and Edgar Hoover are demanding the outlawing of the Communist Party. All these events put together indicate the greatest Wall Street conspiracy ever perpetrated against the American people and against freedom-loving peoples all over the world," the trade union leaders said.

"American labor protests the suspension of the trade union movement in Brazil and will demand the immediate restoration of the rights of the Brazilian people," the statement declared.

MADRID, Spain, May 8 (UP).—Spanish officialdom were elated yesterday by Brazil's decision to outlaw the Communist Party.

Suppression of Brazil's Communists was accepted here as an indication that another country has adopted the anti-Communist policy which Spain has followed since the civil war.

ing papers, all recognized as anti-Communist, received the tribunal's ruling with strong reservations and evident concern, lest it foreshadow the beginning of a new period of dictatorship."

Correio da manha, one newspaper, said three radio stations had been censored the day before and charged that the anti-Communist ruling would bring "an atmosphere of crisis, endangering our free institutions."

Diario de Noticias warned that "a most delicate phase is beginning for the country," and O Jornal said: "We cannot admit that closing the Communist Party is a victory for democracy. It is an error of democracy."

A fourth paper, the strongly Catholic *Jornal do Brasil*, claimed that "communism and democracy are incompatible" and urged all shades of opinion to respect the Electoral Tribunal's ruling.

It was reported in yesterday's *Times* that many leaders of the Brazilian Congress opposed the anti-Communist step, which included also the six-month suspension of the Brazilian Confederation of Labor.

There are three main parties in the Brazilian parliament, apart from the Communists who have one senator and fifteen deputies.

These are the Social Democratic Party, backing President Dutra; the National Democratic Union, and the Labor Party of former dictator Getulio Vargas.

These parties are divided into

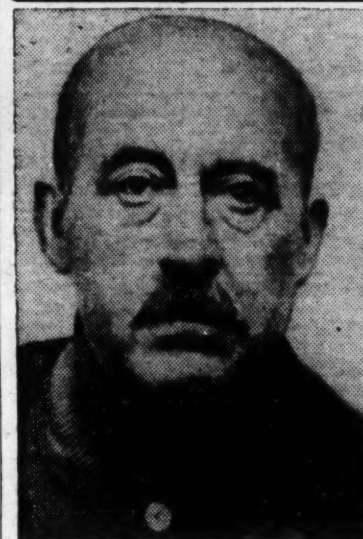
## BASQUE STRIKE SPREADS TO MORE SPAIN PROVINCES

MADRID, May 8 (UP).—A strike by Basques in northern Spain spread today from Vizcaya to adjoining Guipuzcoa province, telephonic advises from San Sebastian said, despite all attempts by the government to get them back to work.

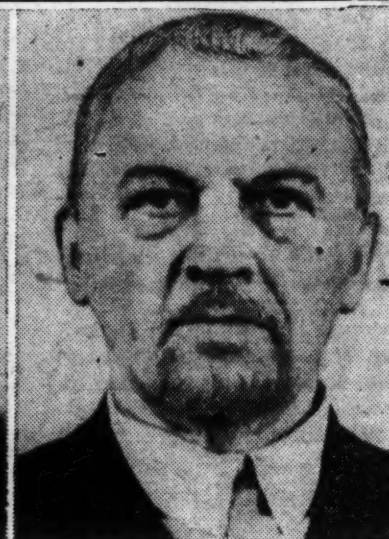
Workers in metallurgical factories at Eibar, El Golebar and Placencia de las Armas walked out in sympathy with the strike of their fellow Basques in Vizcaya province.

Since the Vizcaya strike started last weekend, because of penalties assessed against men who left their jobs to hold a May Day demonstration, labor leaders had sought to spread the strike to Guipuzcoa.

Despite the hardship they endured because of a lack of strike funds, it was estimated that between 10,000 and 15,000 men remained out for the fourth day in Vizcaya.



G. VON SCHNITZLER



H. SCHMITZ

**Murderous Monopolists Face Trial:** Two of the top men of the German dye and chemical trust—I. G. Farben-industrie—have been indicted by the U. S. on the charge of personal responsibility for crimes of the Nazis, including mass murder, plunder and enslavement. Historic though the U.S. indictment of these men may be, our failure to act jointly with the allies in this trial means an attempt to protect the Wall Street gang which worked and profited with the Farben trust. Schmitz is Farben board chairman; Von Schnitzler, director of military economy.

## DP's Can't Wait for Probe, Jewish Agency Head Tells UN

The Jewish Agency yesterday told the United Nations Political Committee that relaxation of British immigration controls and solution of the problem of displaced persons in Europe cannot await the conclusion of any UN investigation. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, heading the Agency's delegation, charged Great Britain had "grievously interfered with and circumscribed" the development of a Jewish National Home, contrary to the intention of the League of Nations mandate.

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## FULL EQUALITY

"To proceed without relation to them," he said, would be to detour into a political wilderness so far as

Palestine is concerned."

"When we speak of a Jewish state," Dr. Silver added, "we do not have in mind any racial or theocratic state, but one which will be based upon full equality and rights for all inhabitants without distinction of religion or race, and without domination or subjugation."

He urged that the Inquiry Commission visit the displaced persons camps in Europe and get to the roots of the problem existing today within Palestine.

"They will ask themselves, I am

sure," he said, "why shiploads of helpless Jewish refugees, men and women and children, who have been through the hells of Nazi Europe, are being driven away from the shores of the Jewish National Home by a mandatory government which assumed as its prime obligation to facilitate Jewish immigration into that country."

## QUERIED BY DELEGATES

Britain, he charged, "is severely restricting free Jewish settlement to

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## Palestine CP Asks UN Hearing

The Communist Party of Palestine has asked the United Nations for an opportunity to present its views on the Palestine problem.

UN Secretary General Trygve Lie yesterday received the following cablegram from the Party Central Committee signed by Meyer Vilner.

"We appeal to the special session of the UN to enable our representatives to appear before the plenary meeting and commission while discussing Palestine, in order to set forth the demands of the Palestine progressive forces. Without giving a hearing to the representatives of the Palestine anti-imperialist forces, no complete or correct picture on the Palestine problem can be obtained."

## Greek Tories, Awaiting Aid, Step Up Terror

Greek officials and U. S. emissaries of the Truman

Doctrine already in Athens are setting the stage to legalize oppression and terror throughout Greece, the Daily Worker learned yesterday.

Members of the Greek parliament, confidently awaiting U. S. military aid, are prepared to pass a law banning the left press, the EAM and calling for the arrest of the people's leaders.

While this new scheme to make civil war law is being staged by U. S. Ambassador Lincoln McVeagh and the Greek government the wave of terror in Greece is stepped up, and guerilla resistance intensified.

During the last week new executions have been carried out by the government.

## 20 TO DIE

Koula Eleftheriadou, a 21-year-old woman resistance fighter and G. Eleftheriadis were executed in Salonika.

Sofia Vamvoukaki, 35, another woman leader was sentenced to be executed by a special court martial

in Kilikis.

Altogether, 12 persons were executed during the week, and about 20 more sentenced to die.

Dr. John Passalidis, secretary general of the EAM, and 40 other democratic leaders were arrested on charges brought after three air-force officers were killed with hand grenades. The police claim they arrested the murderers, and that they are Communists.

## GUERRILLA STRUGGLE

The Greek Communist newspaper observes that this incident must have been plotted by those interested in arousing the fanatic interest of the Airforce in the operations of the civil war and in producing a pretext for the arrest of Passalidis and the other democratic leaders.

Meanwhile, the government has been forced to admit that despite its much publicized spring offensive, the struggle of the guerillas has been successfully stepped up.

The government claimed it had wiped out all guerilla forces in the

Peloponnesus, but on April 29 it announced that the guerillas had occupied Astro and almost all of Kynouria. On May the guerillas entered Katerini Macedonia, headquarters of the government forces, and occupied the central square for two hours.

## MAY DAY ARRESTS

On May 2, they killed thirteen armed monarchists and captured 23 in a clash in the mountains near Beles.

On May Day eve the police arrested Kostas Filinis, member of the Central Committee of EPON (Greek Youth Resistance), and two members of the Piraeus organizational committee for planning celebrations.

Two sailors were sentenced to one month's imprisonment because May Day proclamations were found in their pockets. In Macedonia, 70 democrats were arrested. In Athens and Piraeus, police raided the Athens and Piraeus Labor Centers, and arrested 30 Piraeus workers.

But despite intimidation and the threat of losing their jobs, workers

celebrated May Day throughout Greece with 24-hour strikes and work stoppages. A printers' strike prevented publication of all Athens newspapers. Tram-workers strike tied up the city's transportation.

The executive committee of the General Confederation of Labor announced on May 2 that the workers had fully carried out plans for the day's demonstrations. The government's proclamation that May Day should be a day of intense work for "rehabilitation" was scored as a complete failure.

## To Picket Franco Consulate May 17

The Spanish Co-ordinating Committee and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade are sponsoring a mass demonstration and picket line to protest the wave of terror now sweeping Franco Spain. The demonstration will be held before the Spanish Consulate on Madison Avenue and 53 Street at 12 noon, Saturday, May 17.

In Loving Memory of

**Yetta Zucker**

Our Beloved Sister

and Comrade

who died May 9, 1943



# Harlem Janitor Tells Story of Fatal Fire

By John Hudson Jones

Because Clifton Jones, 55, Negro building superintendent, tried to keep a door from banging, he is charged with first degree manslaughter.

A Negro superintendent makes a more convenient fall guy for a fire in which seven perished than the owners who failed to remove the fatal violations. Jones faces a maximum jail term of 20 years.

## JONES' STORY

Here is the story as it was told to the Daily Worker by Jones yesterday, as he lay ill in bed in his home at 2183 Seventh Ave.:

The tenants at 167 W. 129 St., had complained repeatedly about the wind slamming the roof door.

So, said Jones, "I put a wire hook

on it because Roy Fischer wouldn't send anybody here to do it and the folks were complaining." Fischer, real estate agent of 724 Columbus Ave., managed the 129 Street building at the time for Wilal Realty Co., 198 Broadway.

Jones vigorously denied the charge by Assistant District Attorney Jacob Grumet that he had wired the roof door tight, thereby trapping two families in the flames and causing one woman, Mrs. Ellen McDaniels, to leap from the fifth floor to her death.

Just after the tragedy, Fire Department officials said the fire started in the dumbwaiter. A smoldering cigarette tossed at the bottom could have caused it, they declared.

## SHORT CIRCUIT

Yesterday, Jones said that "about

a week after the fire a Consolidated Edison man said a wire had short circuited in the dumbwaiter shaft. "All the wires for upper floors ran up the shaft," he said.

"There was always some kind of trouble with the wires and fixings. People were always complaining, and the agent was always putting them off."

A week before the fire he again told Fischer about the roof door and other needed repairs. A carpenter came once, but failed to return.

## LANDLORD-DUCKS OUT

The Hall of Records yesterday revealed several mortgages and deed holders to the property known as 2181 Seventh Avenue, Lot one, Section Seven, block number 1914.

On the fatal Jan. 6 the deed to the house and lot was held by Wilal Realty Company, 198 Broadway. The president of this outfit is Nathaniel M. Gallin of Gallin and Baer, 60 E. 42d St.

On March 15, Fischer fired Jones. A month later, April 18, the deed for the property was assigned to the Lancaster Management Company, 3560 Broadway. The house is now being remodeled. Its new agent is Litman Lishensky, 306 W. 145th St.

Yesterday when this reporter called agent Fischer for an interview he said, "I'm leaving the office in five minutes for the week. I don't care to discuss the matter by telephone." The secretary in Gallin's 42d Street office said that he too was "out of the city."

Commenting on Jones' arrest

yesterday, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis declared, "The criminals who are responsible for much of Harlem's high loss of life are the absentee landlords and owners, who milk and squeeze fantastic profits from the people. It's high time the City authorities acted against them."

Bonita Williams, Executive Secretary of the United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization, which raised a disaster fund for the victims, called the arrest of Jones "a terrible injustice."

"We have always fought landlord greed in our community," she added, "When the fire occurred we said the landlords were responsible for it, and we still do. All the guilty ones should be punished."

## Eisler to Speak at Rally In Garden Wednesday

Gerhart Eisler, German anti-fascist recently released from 10 weeks imprisonment on \$20,000 bail, will be among the speakers at the Madison Square Garden meeting on Wednesday, it was announced yesterday by the New York State Communist Party.

Eisler, is under indictment by the Federal Grand Jury for contempt of Congress and perjury. Since June, 1941, when Eisler was enroute to Mexico, he has been detained against his will in this country. An exit visa, which was finally granted to him last July after clearance by the State Department and the FBI, was cancelled shortly before he was to return to Germany.

Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, who is also charged with contempt of Congress, will discuss the attack on the trade unions and the Communist Party.

The meeting, which has been called to protest the Truman Doctrine and to defend American Democracy, will be highlighted by William Z. Foster's report on his tour of Europe.

Tickets are available at the Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13 St.; Book Fair, 133 W. 44 St.; Jefferson Book Shop, 575 Sixth Ave.

## Truman, 63, Pushes Draft

WASHINGTON, May 8.—President Truman today observed his 63rd birthday, and declared that he was optimistic that the world would get a lasting peace.

He told a news conference he was expecting a report shortly from the special committee he appointed to develop plans for universal military training. This plan is the one he hopes to get through Congress in this session, he said.

In the House, the President was congratulated on his birthday by Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss), who said that Truman would become "one of the great men of history" if he pushes his worldwide campaign against "Communism." Rankin hailed Truman's proposal for granting \$400,000,000 to Greece and Turkey.

Other points covered by the President were:

1. He indicated that he had no intention of recalling Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to Pope Pius XII. The move had been requested yesterday by the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in St. Louis.

2. He expressed pleasure over what he called the nationwide reaction for his appeal for lower prices.

Answer the red-baiters! Come to the Foster Meeting at Madison Square Garden, Wed., May 14!

## Plane Plant In Baltimore Fires 2,500

BALTIMORE, May 8.—Aircraft manufacturer Glenn L. Martin said tonight that 2,500 workers have been laid off at the Martin Middle River plant, and that more employees will be dropped within the next two weeks.

He said the lay-offs were for "an indefinite period." He refused to estimate the final number of workers to be laid off.

## DP's Can't Wait

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an area less than six percent of that tiny country."

Dr. Silver also expressed hope that the Jewish people will be welcomed "before long" as an independent country into the assembly of the United Nations.

The delegates put a number of questions to Dr. Silver when he had concluded his statement. They will be answered at another session of the Committee.

The Political Committee resumed debate on the composition of the Inquiry Commission.

Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko told the Committee the Soviet Union was ready "to assume responsibility with all other powers not only for the final decision but also for the preparation of decisions" on the Palestine problem.

"NO MATERIAL INTEREST"  
He maintained it was ridiculous to argue that the great powers "which actually bear the greatest responsibility for the future of peace and international security should stand aside" on this question.

The General Assembly would be "sawing off the branch on which we are sitting," Gromyko said, if attempts were made to establish any kind of groups of special interest or blocs which would vote together.

"The Soviet Union," said Gromyko, "has no material interest in Palestine." It has no concern from the point of view of immigration into Palestine. "For the Jewish population of the Soviet Union has no interest in immigration to Palestine."

Brazil, Uruguay, China and India declared they would support the U.S. proposal that the Inquiry Commission be composed of Canada, Czechoslovakia, Iran, the Netherlands, Peru, Sweden and Uruguay.

Tomorrow the Arab Higher Committee will present its views to the Political Committee, according to an Arab spokesman.

## 600,000 Now Jobless In New York State

Congress, busy voting guns and bombs to prop up "anti-Communists" abroad, may soon be confronted with demands for funds to aid the growing number of unemployed at home. This loomed as it became known that New York City's welfare rolls, now including more than 40,000 on home relief,

are rising by 3,000 families a month. The case load for all municipal relief is nearing 130,000.

The number drawing unemployment insurance checks stood at 189,485 in New York City on April 25, a rise of 41,087, or 25 percent, in the six weeks between March 14 and April 25.

In addition, 88,551 veterans are members of the "52-220 Club." This does not include vets who exhausted their benefits. Some 42,000 non-veterans have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits without obtaining jobs.

## UP 75 PERCENT

The seriousness of the picture is further indicated by comparison of the 189,485 drawing jobless pay with the 110,891 in that fix a year ago.

Statewide, there are now 267,772 drawing jobless checks and 131,000 getting veterans' benefits.

Thus, with the home relief rolls, exhausted benefits and such unemployed as are not covered or have not applied for relief, the round jobless figure for the state is believed to be above the 600,000 mark.

The slump in ladies' garments, the city's largest industry, is viewed as the main cause. The drop is also heavy in furs, millinery and building. The building industry, estimated to have some 20,000 jobless in the city, should be at peak production seasonally and because of the tremendous housing demand. But builders are pricing themselves out of the market.

For the ladies garment trades and even in some men's clothing shops, it is now established, seasonal production is back with a vengeance.

## STANDARDS LOWERED

Employment placement bureaus report vets and others now are willing to take sub-standard jobs which were turned down formerly.

Public officials do not yet view the situation with alarm. Some comfort is taken out of the comparison of the 40,000 home relief

figure with the 267,689 families on relief in August, 1935, the peak depression period. But there was no unemployment insurance or social

security for the aged at that time. Joblessness in the city is already more serious than it was for some months after the 1929 crash.

## Chain Stores Reports Show Gloomy Picture

Sales reports by certain retail stores for the first four months of 1947 show why merchants are getting jittery. While many stores show a marked increase over last year's sales because of the removal of price controls, others have suffered a drop in dollar sales.

It has been generally known for some time that the number of items sold as compared to last year has been on the decline; evidence of dollar decline is a new thing. Even for those stores which show a heavy increase over last year the unit volume is considerably less.

Stores which showed a decline in sales are:

W. T. Grant Co. April sales were \$18,707,248, an increase of 2.3 percent. Volume for the first four months of 1947 was 1.9 percent less than in the like 1946 period.

Butler Bros. April sales were \$11,390,117, off 15.3 percent from April 1946. Four months total was 5.1 percent below that of like period last year.

H. L. Green Co., Inc. April volume off 6.3 percent from a year ago to \$7,317,498. Sales for the three months off 3.7 percent.

Lerner Stores Corp. April sales, \$8,721,306, off 3.6 percent. Three months' volume off 0.4 percent to \$22,659,478.

McClellan Stores Co. April sales, \$3,610,107, a decrease of 6.8 percent. Three months volume off 1.9 percent.

Some stores which showed an increase in dollar sales were:

Sears, Roebuck Co. up 20.8 percent in the first three months.

Lane Bryant, Inc., up 12.5 in first four months.

Grand Union Co. (food), up 33.9

percent for first two months.

McCrory Stores Corp. up 18.3 for first four months.

Mercantile Stores, Inc., up 14.1 percent in first three months.

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## Mrs. Eisler to Speak In Cleveland Sunday

CLEVELAND, May 8.—Hilda Eisler, lecturer and author, will address a meeting Sunday at the Public Auditorium, Club Room "B," to explain the case of her husband, Gerhart Eisler.

A full length Soviet movie "Concentration Camp based on incidents in the fight of German anti-fascists to crush Hitlerism," will be shown.

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## WASHINGTON NOTES

# Capitol's 'Boo' Won't Scare Crisis Away

By Rob F. Hall

SENATOR O'MAHONEY of Wyoming recently remarked that Washington is spending too much time attempting to "talk off" a depression instead of doing something about it. His particular remedy is to strengthen the anti-trust laws which forbid big corporations to buy control of smaller concerns. He pointed out that the trusts have taken advantage of a wide open loophole in the law. They don't buy the title, the good name or the stock of the smaller concerns. They simply step in and purchase the physical assets, the land, buildings and machinery of the independent companies, and thus accomplish the same objective without violating the letter of the law.



He has introduced in the Senate a bill (S. 104) to plug up that loophole. A similar measure (HR 515) was offered in the House by Rep. Kefauver of Tennessee.

The press and radio have given the O'Mahoney-Kefauver bill the well known "silent treatment," and unless labor and progressives make a bigger noise than they have on the crucial issue of monopolies, it is unlikely the people will hear much about it. Our great organs of public opinion are at the moment exclusively concerned with the "menace" of the Soviet Union, the "menace" of Communism, the "menace" of labor unions.

IT HAPPENS that the key significance of the O'Mahoney-Kefauver move is to direct attention—insofar as possible—to the only real menace in the nation today, the growing power of monopoly capital.

It should be added, however, that the proposed step to curb the trusts, even if adopted by this monopoly-ridden 80th Congress, would not stop the depression now looming on the not-so-distant horizon. For this depression threat is growing and gathering strength from the serious wage-price situation which confronts the nation as a very immediate problem.

This is the problem which government and business officials are attempting to "talk off." If there

is anything encouraging in government attitudes, it is the growing fear that it cannot be "talked off." Ironically, President Truman has himself revealed the inner conflict.

On April 5, he addressed the Jefferson Day dinner of the Democrats and spoke glowingly of the "panorama of prosperity" extending as far as the eye could reach. Only those who have "little confidence in the American system of free enterprise" predict a crack-up, he said.

THIS THEME reflects the advice of Secretary of Treasury Snyder who, like the traditional small-town banker, believes depressions arise only from what they call "lack of confidence."

But on April 9, the President and his cabinet listened to a discussion of the economic situation by Edwin G. Nourse who heads his economic advisory board. Dr. Nourse cannot be accused of lacking confidence in capitalism, but this conservative economist considered a crack-up inevitable unless the wage-price situation is altered.

On April 10, when the President held a press conference, some of his jaunty optimism was missing. Asked whether he still regarded a recession as impossible, he hedged. His revised opinion was that a recession isn't necessary.

HE ACKNOWLEDGED that unless prices are reduced, wage increases will be justified. He admitted profits in 1946 were very great and that profits for the first quarter of 1947 continue high.

He indicated he will pursue his campaign to persuade business to lower prices but complained he had no power except moral suasion. But he will not seek authority from Congress to restore price control.

In the absence of any effective action by the White House, it is obviously a patriotic duty of the unions to press for higher wages as the only answer to the looming crisis. From reports from the field, it appears that this solution will receive strong, militant support among all groups of workers.



**For the People of Spain:** Margaret Webster, director of the American Repertory Theatre and chairman of Spanish Refugee Appeal's tag days, looks over official campaign poster which will help raise funds for 150,000 ill disabled Spanish Republicans-in-exile. Miss Webster, now appearing as the Red Queen in Alice in Wonderland, told a rally of 3,000 at 38 St. and Seventh Ave. yesterday that the need of the exiled Republicans in Southern France is more desperate this year than ever.

## In the Negro Press

# DU BOIS' 'PRIMARY TRUTH'

By John Hudson Jones

THE CHICAGO DEFENDER columnist W. E. B. DuBois recalls the words of the late FDR: "I suppose some of my Republican friends would call me a Socialist for asserting that the owner of land owes it to . . . the nation to use that land in the best possible way for humanity."

To DuBois, "This is the line which every man with common sense has got to follow and this too, in spite of the hue and cry and actual violence which assails anyone today who dares to oppose common American methods of business."

"We have come into an era where all over the world Socialism is prevailing; where the great mass of thinking people have come to realize that the control of work, property, profits and income for the good of all the inhabitants of the state is a primary truth which no one can forget."

DuBois fires away at those who think "freedom" means freedom to use whatever a person has seized as his property, no matter what means he used to get it."

Concluding on a timely note, DuBois wants to know: "What right has the great telephone monopoly to exploit endlessly the genius of Alexander Graham Bell?"

THE AMSTERDAM NEWS calls for the conviction of "every guilty party" among the 31 alleged South Carolina lynchers of Willie Earl, who go on trial May 12. "This appears to be one of the first times when cold-blooded, premeditated murder by a lynch mob has been treated as first degree murder. . . . Lynching is murder."

"After the conviction we pull for the imposition of severest penalty the law allows. The penalty for murder is death. Death to the lynchers."

"We watch the developments in Greenville with keen and unabated interest. Justice, as well as the lynchers, is being judged."

THE PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE asks "Robeson, singer or orator?" The Tribune has to admit Robeson is both a great artist and a mighty champion of Negro rights, but it keeps on posing the question of whether he achieves more by singing or by speaking against American Jimcrow.

The Tribune can't handily jump on Robeson for fighting for Negro rights, so it poses this silly dilemma: "Were Marian Anderson to stop singing in the middle of Ave Maria to denounce police brutality . . . what would her listeners do?" And so on about Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson.

THE MICHIGAN CHRONICLE says: "One of these distant days some curious historian is going to have a lot of fun tracing the rise

and fall of segregation in the United States. We know it is going to fall because it is built upon a pack of lies which melt like snow in the warm bright sunshine of truth, and you can't keep truth down forever."

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER thinks Paul Robeson himself caused the Peoria and Albany authorities to ban his appearances. "We refuse to be stampeded by the hysterical protests broadcast by the Civil Rights Congress and the Council on African Affairs. . . . Mr. Robeson virtually asked for just such a reaction by going about the country interrupting his program to lecture on political subjects. . . ."

"Mr. Robeson is greatly in error if he thinks he is doing the cause of the Negro any good by these foolish exhibitions. . . . In good old Uncle Tom tradition, the Courier concludes, "Negroes have enough difficulties to face in America without going around the country creating them."

THE CHICAGO BEE thinks that the bans on Paul Robeson were outrageous. "He has the right under the federal Constitution, just as Wallace and Stassen and any other citizen, to express his anxiety about the current policies and practices of our statesmen."

"Why has Rankin of the House Un-American Activities Committee been so busy denouncing progressive-minded Americans and has not yet once pronounced fascist-minded lynchers and white supremacists political protagonists as un-Americans?"

The Bee says the answer is "that the Rankins are the real un-Americans and they fear the righteous indignation of the Robesons."

THE PEOPLE'S VOICE special writer Walter Garland in Mississippi writes: "Out of 87,000 Negro veterans in this state, only 4,000 have been able to squeeze any training under the GI Bill. . . . Out of 700 employees in Mississippi's Vets Administration, not one is a Negro. This flagrant denial of rights subjects our veterans to a 'Boy, whatchu want' attitude."

## WORTH REPEATING

"The systems in Germany and the United States are the same but war broke out between them. The U. S. and USSR systems are different but we didn't wage war against each other, and the USSR does not propose to. If during the war they could cooperate, why can't they today in peace?"—By Joseph Stalin, in his interview with Harold Stassen.

## Press Roundup

# Favor Freedom Of Song, Not Speech: News

THE NEWS believes in freedom of song but not freedom of speech. It says it's glad Robeson will sing in Albany, but for Robeson "or any one else to mix art and ideology in any auditorium maintained by taxpayers would be going too far. We're glad Justice Bookstein so ruled (that he could sing but not talk)."

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN is for conservation of national resources.

THE POST asks why the U. S. delegation proposes Iran for the Palestine Inquiry Commission if it wants only neutrals represented. "To include Iran would be no less cynical than to make Saudi Arabia a member. Iran is not generally considered an Arab state, but the sister of the Shah of Iran is married to King Farouk of Egypt, a country that is active in the Arab League and which has as an honored guest the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem."

THE TIMES greets the ouster of the Communist ministers from the French cabinet as a "break in the pattern that paralyzed the postwar regimes of Europe." It's bound to affect the situation in Italy, for instance, says the Times, and though in France it "may even lead to a graver crisis. The turn in the tide reveals that strong undercurrents are moving, and if encouraged, will continue to move, in the opposite direction." The opposite direction is backward—via the Truman Doctrine.

THE TRIBUNE'S Walter Lippmann backs up the Administration's arguments for ratifying the Italian peace treaty now. The U. S., Lippmann says, would be open to charges of obstructing the peace settlement, and of not fulfilling its agreement.

THE SUN tries to prove the telephone strike got the workers nowhere at all. For approximately the next ten months the increase will go toward making up wages which have been lost, says the Sun. "Whether without a strike they would have obtained quite as much is anybody's guess. . . . The unions did prove that they could hamper, if not completely halt, the nation's telephone service. Whether proving that has been worth what it cost only the workers themselves can decide."

PM'S Fiorello H. LaGuardia says "it is not fear of reprisals which prevents the Greek guerrillas from surrendering. They have no confidence in the present Greek government. What they are seeking is a democratic form of government, with some assurance that the great masses of the people in the rural districts, on the farms, and the workers in the shops and factories will have enough to eat. If the United Nations is in a position to undertake to guarantee the necessary reforms in the Government of Greece, it will soon find out that the men in the hills are not worried at all about their own personal safety. In fact, any one American, carrying the Stars and Stripes, can walk safely into the hills alone if he brings bread instead of bullets."



**Tragic News:** Little Dale, 6, is cheered by his daddy, Howard Ritchie, who must soon tell him he must go through life legless. The Chicago lad was burned when gasoline rags exploded in a bonfire.



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## The Blow Against Brazil

WHAT'S happening in Brazil is a severe shock to American opinion—an earthquake for all the western hemisphere. By attempting to outlaw the great Communist Party led by Luis Carlos Prestes, and suspending the Brazilian Confederation of Labor, the ruling circles of Brazil are dragging their nation toward the hated dictatorship of the past.

That was the Vargas dictatorship which terrorized a great people for 10 years with the blessings of the State Department. And no one doubts that the State Department is behind this blow against Brazilian democracy; the State Department and its masters—the American monopolies.

This is the fruit for the hemisphere of the Truman Doctrine.

The veil has now been ripped behind which Washington has tried to make our people and the rest of the world believe that the hemisphere is some sanctum of democracy.

In point of fact, among the constitutional, pacific and democratic forces of Latin America, the Communists of these countries figure most prominently. As in Greece, or in France or in China, whoever attempts to suppress them is undermining the national independence of friendly peoples.

And the time has come to put a stop to it, before it goes further. The fight for our own democratic rights is intimately part of the fight to keep the hands of Wall Street off the affairs of our good neighbors to the south.

New Yorkers will have the chance to say something on this score at the great rally for William Z. Foster next Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden.

In the meantime, Oswaldo Aranha, Brazil's Security Council delegate, could learn something from telegrams and protests by American labor and progressive organizations.

Spruille Braden—that fake Galahad against dictatorship in the hemisphere—could profit also by protests against the extension of the Truman Doctrine in the hemisphere. Let America speak out—now.

## They're Feeling the Pressure

THE journalistic noise on the 44 to 43 defeat of Senator Taft's amendment to ban industry-wide bargaining should fool no one.

As the Senator himself said when the bill was completed in his committee minus the "toughening" amendments he now seeks, it contained "three quarters" of everything the employers asked.

In its "liberal" form, the bill bans the closed shop and makes other union security forms extremely difficult; provides for widespread use of injunctions; invokes damage suits against unions; requires a cooloff and other restrictions upon strikes and duplicates many more of the restraints in the House Hartley Bill. Its sum-total is liquidation of the Wagner Act.

Taft and his Democratic poll-tax friends are not satisfied and still want to include a few more guarantees that unions would be really smashed.

The bill, no matter how unsuccessful Taft may be with his "toughening" amendments, must not become law. All labor and progressive strength must be concentrated for a veto.

The big objective is a veto by the President and enough votes in Congress to sustain it!

## Lightning in Spain

A STRIKE of 50,000 workers in Spain—it's like the flash of lightning before the thunder. Strikes which spread from Bilbao in the Basque country to Barcelona and Madrid are evidence of the unknown battle which goes on beneath the fascist ruin. And it began because of persecution of May Day marchers. This in itself speaks volumes for the struggles which the Spanish people itself is conducting, unaided, unpublicized.

The least we can do is to join in the tag days of the Spanish Refugee Appeal, 192 Lexington Ave., today and tomorrow. Let us aid the heroes of Spain's Republic, the fighters for Spain's tomorrow.

## NEW VICTIMS



## Letters From Our Readers

### The Attack On Wallace

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The current vicious attacks upon Henry Wallace's patriotism and motives reflect a growing deterioration of moral and political attitudes and purposes among our most influential governing groups.

It is not Mr. Wallace's motives which are being put on trial before world opinion; it is rather the gross impudence of his attackers. By heaping abuse on him, they are carrying an idiot's crusade against an upright, warm-hearted American citizen who aims merely to serve his country by serving mankind.

Their crusade is revealing to the world the existence in this country of a large number of individuals of the mentality characteristic of all fascists. The conscience of humanity speaks through Mr. Wallace. Woe to those who would silence that voice out of fear it is telling the truth to the peoples of all lands.

A. G. DIAZ.

### Mag Callous to Texas City Deaths

Editor, Daily Worker:

In "Business Week" magazine of April 26th, there is an article on the Texas explosions titled "Reverberations."

In describing its devastation in a 250 word article, there exists a subheadline saying: "No Critical Losses," in which Business Week very nonchalantly reassures the nation that "no critically needed industrial supplies" are endangered.

I examined the article with my microscope and in the whole mess of words not one was devoted to nor even intimated about—the human loss and family devastation.

Such is capitalism's latest and most dramatic example of its sheer disregard and utmost callousness of human life. Of course this is nothing new, but I believe it doesn't do any harm to keep exposing such barbarism.

LOU KAYE.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

## VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

## DISTINCTION FOR A FINK

By George Morris

ROY HOWARD'S World-Telegram in its editorial extolling the "brilliance" of its Pulitzer prize-winning reporter Fred Woltman, anticipated that we would describe him as a "red-baiter," "rat," "stooge" and as "Freddie the Fink."

We have often expressed our sentiments in words to that effect. But we're not going to waste our interest in further salutations to Fred Woltman. What does concern us is the low state to which the newspaper business has sunk that the work of a Woltman should be singled out for distinction.



Woltman is held up as an example to newspapermen because the few powerful publishers who control the assembly lines of falsehood and deceit want more Woltmans. They want his success story to inspire others to take up the illicit trade of stoolpigeon journalism and political blackmail.

The market for the work of a Woltman is at the highest point in red-baiting history. There were days when a Westbrook Pegler was in great demand. Pegler developed the business of smearing unions to a fine art. Woltman was his student for a while. But unions have grown and become powerful despite Pegler journalism.

PEGLER, formerly with the Howard chain is still used, by Hearst. But the more farsighted reactionaries demand the more up-to-date form of anti-union work, the kind aimed at weakening unions through internal division and disruption. This is where the Woltman specialty comes in and rises in price. The student has become the master and the Pulitzer prize-givers have taken note of the fact.

Likewise with respect to the united front of people in other spheres. Pegler dumped out his daily garbage indiscriminately and most often helped consolidate the progressive front. But the Woltman technique is more specifically directed at creating dissension in the ranks of progressives. It is more expertly designed to blackmail people, to get them out of a progressive movement, on threat of being described as "Communists."

The Woltman technique is to

become a press agent for red-baiters wherever they are. His columns are simply offered to whoever wants to use them in a campaign against opponents. There is very little "sleuthing" Freddie the Fink has to do. The red-baiters simply gravitate to him.

One need only look at the congratulatory statements in the W-T to see where his news sources are. Included are David Dubinsky, Msgr. Fulton Sleen, J. Edgar Hoover, Norman Thomas, Rev. William J. Smith, director of the Crown Heights Jesuit schools; John S. Childs, chairman of the Liberal Party; Harry Rogoff, managing editor of the Jewish Daily Forward; John F. X. McGohey, U. S. District Attorney and James A. Farley.

RED-BAITERS in CIO unions who have had most direct use of Woltman's columns, were too smart to make their congratulations public. The stories which the W-T regards as most decisive for Woltman's distinction, were dropped into his lap by Joe Curran's group in the NMU. In earlier stages of the developing faction struggle within the NMU, when Curran's red-baiters didn't dare show their factionalism and red-baiting openly, Woltman's column was a very convenient outlet for their attacks upon the NMU's unity. Freddie the Fink simply whipped their publicity into story form.

Every irresponsible in the labor movement, if he has any scores to settle with opponents, and if he is able to give his objectives a "red angle," need only pick up the phone and call the W-T's fink department.

What does the emergence of a Woltman as a model success do to the average person who earns a living as a news writer? Many are bound to wonder what profession they are really following. The Pulitzer award has, in effect, transferred the work of the Pinkerton undercover anti-union operative to a newspaper man.

Woltman won distinction among that breed. But he has close competitors in others like Victor Riesel, and there is a Riesel or Woltman in every union center in the country. It is not an accident that some 40 newspapers have in recent months bought Riesel's syndicated column.



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Important theoretical and ideological questions will be taken  
up for discussion  
Speaker—MAX WEISS, Editor of "Political Affairs"  
Date: May 19—1:30 P. M.  
Place: 953 Broadway, cor. 14th St., Room 16A  
WILLIAM WEINSTONE, N. Y. State Education Director

## WHAT'S ON

**RATES:** What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum).  
**DEADLINE:** Noon daily. For Sunday, Wednesday 4 p.m.; for Monday, Saturday 12 Noon.

**Tonight Manhattan**  
"THE CABINET Crisis in France," Alan Max, managing editor, Daily Worker, discusses the current political picture as reflected by recent events in French government. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave. (16th St.), 8:45 p.m. 50c.  
**MOTHER'S Day** celebration, Lodge 508, IWO. Symposium of 3 speakers on "Woman's Position in Modern Society," discussion, community singing, refreshments. Flowers distributed to women in audience. Admission free, 8:30 p.m. 77 Fifth Ave., near 15th St.  
**"FOLKSAY"** recital of American folk dances and songs. Tonight, 8:40, at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 West 48th St. American Folksay Group, AYD. Tickets available at the door.  
**FOLK** dancing of many nations. Beginners, advanced. Rose Siev, director. Cultural Folk Dance Group, 128 E. 16th St., 8 p.m.

**Tomorrow Manhattan**  
ONCE in a hundred years you can celebrate a centennial, but Hunter and City College CP's invite you to two tonight, commemorating 100 years of Marx (Karl) and Marks (at CCNY). Henry St. Settlement House, 201 Henry St. FDR Lodge 488.  
**ANNUAL** Entertainment and Dance. Whitey Melzer-Jerry Feiffer Memorial Fund. Benefit Camp WO-CHI-CA Music Room and Library. Club 65 Penthouse, 13 Astor Place, Saturday, May 10, 8:30 p.m. Entertainment, Foner Brothers Orchestra, plus stars of radio and Broadway. Tickets \$1.20 in advance; \$1.50 at door.

Local 65 Bookshop, Music Room, Jefferson Bookshop, Worker's Bookshop and Wo-Chi-Ca office, 80 Fifth Ave. Phone AL 4-2321.  
**FOLKLORE** at the World's Crossroads, a conference on the collection and use of N. Y. folklore. Chairman, Harold W. Thompson, president of N. Y. Folklore Society, folksongs of Nationality groups. Chas. Hoffman, Music Division, N. Y. Public Library, Lola Rom and Polish Folk Art and Dance Group, Dr. M. Jagendorf, editor of the magazine of French Folklore. Ruth Rubin, collector and singer of Yiddish folksongs, Ben A. Botkin, editor of "A Treasury of American Folklore," Czechoslovakian singer, introduced by Mrs. Svatava Jakobson, Sholem Secunda, outstanding composer of music for Jewish Theatre, at the Elizabeth Irwin High School, 40 Charlton Street, Manhattan, Saturday, May 10th at 1:45 p.m. Admission 50c at the door.

**Tomorrow Bronx**  
L'AFFAIRE Pepper, May 10, at 8:30, 852 E. Tremont Ave. Admission 55c. See the Balloon Dance. Come, have fun.  
**"SPRING Fling,"** Party and dance, entertainment, refreshments, music. Club Joe Hill, AYD, 1 East Fordham Rd. Sub. 75c.

**Coming**  
25th JUBILEE, Morning Freiheit Historic Celebration, Saturday, May 24, 3 p.m. Madison Square Garden. Speakers: Wm. Z. Foster, A. Bittelman, elaborate program includes Michos Gafni, new musical sensation, Max Rosen, also chorus of 300 and others.  
**NEGRO** Jazz Forum conducted by Anne Dodge. Jazz, blues, boogie-woogie and analysis of New Orleans, Chicago and New York styles. Adm. 75c. May 11, 8:15 p.m. Metropolitan Music School, 111 West 88th Street.  
**Philadelphia, Pa.**  
SATURDAY, May 10, Gala show and dance, five-star acts, name band, prizes. YMHA, Broad and Pine Streets. Adm. \$1.25. Jewish People's Fraternal Order, IWO.

# Ban on Robeson Belies Democracy, Moscow Says

The recent cancellation by Peoria, Ill., of a scheduled concert by Paul Robeson, Negro baritone, was described as "characteristic of America's famous freedom" by Radio Moscow, in a broadcast heard Wednesday night by NBC. "It seems that to sing in the land of vaunted democracy one must possess not only a voice, but credentials from the committee on Un-American Activities testifying to one's reliability in the eyes of American reaction," a woman commentator charged.  
"This incident is characteristic of America's noted freedom of the press, freedom of the individual, freedom of art and so forth," the broadcaster added.  
"Local fascist organizations had paralyzed the (Peoria) town council . . ." Moscow radio charged.

"Paul Robeson was not permitted to sing, but the New York radio was recently permitted to broadcast an interview with Goering's close friend, the American fascist, Charles Lindbergh. . ."

## Bristol, Pa., Fur Workers Win 30 Percent Raise in New Pact

BRISTOL, Pa., May 6.—Although the Bristol Fur Processing Co. here has been completely shut down, CIO Fur Workers Local 185 last night announced winning of a new agreement providing a 30 percent raise. The contract provisions exceed gains recently won in other industries, a union spokesman declared.  
The agreement was announced a few weeks after the defeat of a local red-baiting slate which had attempted to lead the local out of the union.  
Fifteen percent of the 30 percent raise amounting to 18½ cents, goes into effect immediately, and another 15 percent eight months from now.

**SECESSION ATTEMPT**  
Local 185 was organized less than a year ago in a newly established factory of 600 workers. Early this year local officers attempted to lead the workers into a secessionist movement which was also taking place in other unions here.  
When election results were announced, the secessionist were trounced two-and-a-half to one. Union supporters won every union post including shop stewards.  
A Fur Joint Board official declared the election results and subsequent contract were "a lesson to all red-baiters, anti-Semites and

## ALP Asks Portal Bill Veto

Hyman Blumberg, state chairman of the American Labor Party, yesterday urged President Truman to veto the so-called portal-to-portal bill.  
"This bill will undermine the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, known as the wage and hour law," Blumberg declared.  
"The Wage and Hour Law is a cornerstone of progressive legislation. It is essential not only to the welfare of the working men and women of our country but equally necessary to maintain economic health in every community."

## Madison County, Ill., CP Launches Newscast

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., May 8.—Regular weekly broadcasts over radio station WTMV, have been arranged for by the Communist Party of Madison and St. Clair Counties, it was announced yesterday. The broadcasts, to be in the form of a weekly commentary on news of the area, will begin Monday, May 12, at 9:30 p.m. The schedule from then on will be 9:30 p.m. every Monday night except when the Cardinals' night games are broadcast, when the Party program is shifted to 11:15 p.m.

## Washington Adopts Daylight Saving

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The District of Columbia commissioners, announced after a public hearing today, that the capital will join most of the other big eastern cities on daylight saving time at 2 a.m. Sunday, continuing until Sept. 30.

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## SPORTS

### In this corner

The First Parade  
Looks OK

By Bill Mardo

**PULITZER PRIZES** occupying the headlines (phew!) how come we of the sports trade never got together with an annual award to Barnum and Bailey "for meritorious services rendered to basketball weary writers?" You know, after months and months of three times a week midnight sessions at the Garden watching the collegians make with the old give and go into the bucket, the average scribbler is all too grateful when the circus comes into town and gives us a chance to go home and catch a decent meal.

But all good things come to an end—and it's back to the late shift on Friday nights with the long line of fights coming up. In this case, however, I'm quick to admit that working late at the bouts has always been far more appealing than covering the hoop season. Oh I like basketball but they feed you more of it than's good for man or beast.

Yes yes, the fisticuffs give you a better deal and at the most, there's never more than one a week. Truth is, here's one time I'm impatient for the circus to fold its big top for another town. After all, Ray Robinson is still my favorite performer and any time Sugar is dropping his swift heavy-handed lumps on an assortment of futile foes this boy is always glad to be looking on from the press pews.

#### Ray Leads Off

And Ray is the baby who leads off the Big Parade of May and June matches that Nat Rogers has lined up for the House on 49th Street. The welter champ, still very much interested in that middleweight division, goes against clever Georgie Abrams a week from tonight and that'll be well worth seeing. For many reasons. Ray was a very sick scrapper the night he finally came into the welter title against Tommy Bell and it was heartbreaking to see this supremely great artist so far off his regular form. Especially when Ray gets a Garden match few and far between. You like to see him at his best when Mike Jacobs finally does consent to put him on. Another item. In that Bell fight some of us were inclined to agree that Robinson had begun to slip down the other side of the hill—but how much we couldn't be sure of, what with the flu germs adding considerably to the early ravages of Father Time.

My hunch is the Abrams fight will prove that a recuperated Ray Robinson, admittedly a bit past his peak, is still too much prizefighter for any welterweight or middleweight alive.

#### No Novice for Gus

IT'S GOOD to report, for a change, that 20th Century's match-making department is making an effort to live down its farces of the past by following the Robinson-Abrams affair with a series of other topnotch attractions. One week after Robbie wins (momentous prediction) the cute old guy who holds the light-heavy crown will tangle with a lad who used to own it before him. That is, in the order of the above statement, Gus Lesnevich and Mello Bettina. For ancient Gus the May 23rd bout is his first since he stowed away Billy Fox in a regrettable and oft repeated bit of ring sordidness wherein a young promising fighter is rushed in against a veteran against whom he is still two years away from.

Likeable Lesnevich won't be meeting any raw recruit this time, because in Mello Bettina he faces a southpaw bruiser who can fight but good. It's been a long-time no-see, Mello, so far as New York fans are concerned. Like most other prewar topnotchers, his career was interrupted by the Big Fight overseas... and now, again like most others of his weight, he is trying to lure Joe Louis into a title defense. Of course the Beaconite has a lot of eliminating to do before he can consider himself No. 1 challenger for Louis—yet if he can take Lesnevich he'll have furthered his claim considerably. But there are still a few others around, like Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles, whom Mello must convince first.

So we see that Bettina-Lesnevich isn't an unimportant fight in the overall scheme of things, aside from it having all the earmarks of a highly interesting scrap even if other considerations were absent.

#### Jake Needs the Dough

THE BOTTOM of the page is starting to uppercut me, so I'll close out with this note: Two weeks after the light-heavy ten rounder, Jake LaMotta is compelled to tackle Tony Janiro. And believe me, brethren, compelled is the word for it. The outstanding challenger for Tony Zale's bauble can't get a match with the champ or Cerdan and the only way he can pick up any money is to meet "spoilers" in the persons of Tommy Bell and Janiro. When you fight a guy one weight division below yourself, it never makes you look good regardless of how you win. Jake has agreed to pare down to 155 for young Janiro and while this boxer vs. bruiser shapes up as a most unique attraction, I, for one, wish they'd give LaMotta the matches he so deserves.

On the night of June 13, that TNT bobby-socker, Charley Fusari, puts his string of 48 on a line against tough Tony Pellone. Very, very fascinating. Fusari is a colorful clouter, young, handsome and the rest—while mister Pellone of Greenwich Village is cocky in the confidence that he recently outpointed lightweight champ Bob Montgomery.

Hey, these fights do sound exciting!

## CUBANS-YANKS TWINBILL

New Yorkers get their first look Sunday at the 1947 Negro National League race, when the Black Yankees meet the New York Cubans in a twinbill at Yankee Stadium. The opener gets underway at 2 o'clock at the Bronx ballpark.

The Black Yankees defeated the New York Cubans in a 10 inning fray 3-2 and on the following day unleashed their hating power

against them to the tune of 14-9 in a series during the past week. John "Neck" Stanley was the victor in the 3-2 affair.

Big Bob Griffith, the best pitcher in the Puerto Rican League during the past winter will toss the opening game against "Impo" Barnhill, the Cuban ace. And Alexander Newkirk will oppose Left Luis Tiant in the second game.

## Today's GAMES

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit at Chicago.  
Cleveland at St. Louis (night).  
Other clubs not scheduled.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston at New York.  
Brooklyn at Philadelphia (night).  
Chicago at Cincinnati.  
Other clubs not scheduled.

# Labor League Opens May 24

Labor Baseball throws out the first ball May 24 at Central Park to inaugurate its seven-team pennant race. Sponsored by Labor Sports Federation, which recently completed its highly successful basketball tourney, the baseball labor league shapes up even more exciting.

Many of the teams boast semi-pro stars, former Army base-team stars, onetime members of the Negro National League, etc. Local 144 of the Building Service Workers is already tabbed as the sleeper team of the loop, one if its players being "Kid Yogi," the brother of senior Yogi Berra, the Yankee outfielder.

Hotel Local 6 will field many former stars of the Puerto Rican Winter League, while Local 65 will come up with some of the lads who used to dot the Negro National League rosters.

The Saturday games will be played on the Central Park diamonds, and the Sunday attractions will be seen at the DeWitt-Clinton High School Stadium.

More details next week.

### Beltram Guns For No. 18 Against Al Guido Tonight

Winner of 17 bouts in a row since he came out of the Army two years ago, Willie Beltram, Bronx lightweight, goes after another important victory tonight at the St. Nicholas Arena. He faces the rugged Al Guido, of Harlem, in a contest scheduled for ten rounds.

## Cub Catcher Uses His Head--The Hard Way

Catcher Bob Scheffing, a long time substitute for the Chicago Cubs, won a regular job this spring because manager Charlie Grimm had pegged him all along as a smart receiver who knew how to use his head.

"He's got a great head," Grimm told us on his recent trip to Ebbets Field. "We're getting some fine pitching and Scheffing should have a lot of the credit. He's a fine target and knows how to handle those pitchers."

Several Cub pitchers were on the bench, arguing over a radio report which said the Cubs had the worst table manners in baseball. It was a heated debate—with at least half admitting the report is true—when Grimm started talking about Scheffing.

"I'll say he's got a great head," laughed twirler Bob Chipman.

And from that, developed the proof.

At Cincinnati on April 23, Scheffing was catching in the third inning with first baseman Bert Haas at bat and Johnny Schmitz pitching. As Haas swung on a third strike,

he whiffed so violently his bat made two complete arcs, the second time around smacking Scheffing, also violently, on the back of the head.

Bob stood up, carefully lobbed the ball back to Schmitz and promptly collapsed like a kayoed fighter whose reflexes had produced one last punch after he'd been knocked out. Scheffing was hauled off the field, but he was back the next day.

Four days later, against the Cardinals at Chicago, Scheffing drew an eighth inning walk from pitcher Murry Dickson. Bill Nicholson hit a grounder to Stan Musial, who

whirled to force Scheffing at second, and rifled a throw that clipped Bob on the head as he reached the bag. Result: another kayo. But Scheffing revived and caught the ninth inning.

"The guy," said Grimm, "has a great head."

# Mixing Sport with Vacation

By Ruth Mooney

(Second in a series of articles on hiking).

In 1933 I had myself a one-month vacation costing \$2.50 a week, the price of the food. In these inflationary times it, would probably cost quite a bit more. I went up to a hiking shelter on a mountain in a state park, and just camped there. Twice a week I hiked five miles to the nearest town for supplies.

New York has state parks in the Adirondacks, the Catskills and the Ramapos. Free maps and information can be had about any or all of them by writing to the State Conservation Department at Albany. All of them have marked trails and shelters for overnight camping. There is no charge, no restriction and no permission needed. All you have to do is go there.

In the Adirondacks you can go see Lake Placid, or climb five-thousand-foot Mt. Marcy. In the Catskill there's famous Slide Mountain with its memories of the naturalist John Burroughs. After these great open spaces, the Ramapos look like toy mountains. But they're close to New York, close enough for a weekend or even a one-day trip, so I'll save them for another article.

Another good place for a vacation hike is the Long Trail, which starts in Massachusetts and runs through Vermont clear up to the Canadian border. For fifty cents you can get a good guide to this trail from the Green Mountain Club of Rutland.

The shelters will keep you dry if it rains, and that's about all. Hikers don't expect spring mattresses, and prefer to do their cooking over wood fires. It's good form to clean up the shelter as you leave, put out your fire and stow away some dry kindling wood for the next party of hikers.

The "must" equipment for a

hiking vacation is a good-sized knapsack, canteen, pocket knife and camp cooking outfit (folding frying pan and nested pots). This stuff last a life-time and insures many pleasant vacations. Army and Navy stores are now offering Army surplus goods at relatively low prices. The Army knapsacks with body frames, to take the weight of the pack off the shoulders, are a particularly good buy for hikers.

The camper-outer should take a minimum of two warm woolen blankets, even in August. A nylon poncho or light-weight raincoat will insure against rain spoiling his vacation. But I went camping many years without one. Any old, sturdy clothes will do for summertime camping. Girls can wear skirts, though they'll probably feel more comfortable in

slacks or shorts. And, of course—no nylon stocking or high heeled shoes.

Only greenhorns fill their knapsacks up with canned goods. The old hands prepare months ahead by saving empty coffee cans, milk and cream containers, cardboard boxes. They all come in handy to pack lightweight foods in—dried whole milk, dried fruit, split peas, farina, eggs, butter, pancake flour, noodles, rice, marshmallows, coffee, tea—and some fresh vegetables. Fresh meat keeps good for only one day, so for the rest they rely on bacon, chipped beef, or ham or tongue, boiled at home.

Paper plates and napkins, salt, tissues, flashlight, sewing kit, pocket mirror, razor, matches, cups, forks, spoons and first aid kits are other things to remember to put in the knapsack.

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MOTHER'S DAY GIFT — Special \$4.95 juicer—\$3.95. Laundress washer, Servel refrigerators, immediate delivery. Standard Brand Distributors, 143 4th Ave., near 14th St., GR 3-7820.

MOTHER'S Day gifts at Art and Ends Studio, Hand Wrought Jewelry, 36 E. 2d St. (Second Ave.), AL 4-8847, open Saturday till eight p.m.

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## FILMS — BOOKS — THE ARTS

## Facts and Fancies About the Book-of-the-Month Club

By Samuel Sillen

The role of the Book-of-the-Month Club in the "furtherance of good literature" is appraised in the current issue of the *Atlantic Monthly* by Henry Seldel Canby. Mr. Canby is enthusiastic about the record. Mr. Canby also happens to be chairman of the Board of Judges of the Book Club.

He has occupied the post ever since Harry Scherman opened up his mail-order shop 20 years ago. In those years the Book Club, to be sure, has picked some good books, especially in its earlier days. But there is little cause for pride in the selection of, let us say, Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind*. This masterpiece appeared around the same time as John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, which the Book Club turned down flat.

I doubt whether posterity will be enthusiasts about that kind of "furtherance of good literature."

Mr. Canby wants a vote of thanks not only from the public at large but from the writers in particular. He says the Book Club's system was "as effective on their behalf as the best-directed patronage of the classic eras of literature."

Hall Harry Scherman, patron of the arts.

But a recent issue of *Business Week* (April 5) has a different slant on the subject. This cold-blooded, uncultured journal is interested in what it calls Harry Scherman's "take."

It seems that the Club "is no longer a 92 3/4 percent-owned Scherman family enterprise, with no obligation to discuss the state of its health with 'outsiders.'" The family has decided to invite the public in as stockholders.

"Why?" asks *Business Week*, and answers: "Their reasons are the same ones that have moved so many other private owners to take the same step: to build a

cash reserve in anticipation of eventual large inheritance taxes; and thus avoid forced liquidation at an inauspicious time; to establish a going market for the company's shares; to realize some of the appreciation in value of the enterprise as a long-term capital gain, subject to a maximum tax of 25 percent."

Sounds very literary, doesn't it? Of course Scherman retains firm control. Of 900,000 shares of stock now outstanding, only 300,000 were sold to the public. Harry Scherman holds 265,000, or 29.5 percent. His wife, son and daughter each own 99,000, or 11 percent apiece. Family total equals 62.5 percent.

This makes a family nest egg of \$6,750,000 derived from the "furtherance of good literature": that is, *Gone With the Wind*, *Out of the Night*, etc.

On the recent public sale of stocks transactions, "under the guidance of important Wall St. investment banking interests, headed by Eastman, Dillon & Co.," the Schermans netted \$2,200,000, after commissions.

Book Club's sales from 1926-1946 totaled over \$112,000,000; earnings, over \$9,400,000; dividend disbursements, over \$6,558,000.

All of which sounds as if Harry Scherman has been patron of something else beside the arts.

The judges (Canby, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Christopher Morley, John P. Marquand, and Clifton Fadiman) seem to be doing all right too. Canby, in his *Atlantic Monthly* article, puts it modestly:

"We benefited as a professor benefits when endowment and fees increase, so much and no more."

*Business Week* is more specific: "Last year, the compensation of the five judges ranged from \$22,476.53 to \$25,933.14 each."

Nobody begrudges Harry Scherman's employees their "professor" salaries. What one minds is their pious hooplah about literary "furtherance" and "classic era" patrons, especially when it gets rolled around in four or five layers of agitation against the "Communist menace."

Canby proudly points to such selections as the White Russian Aldanov's *Fifth Seal*, the self-confessed double-dealer Jan Valtin, and Arthur Koestler's *Darkness at Noon*. On the subject of Valtin, Canby has to be a little cagey: "... some cause for doubt

as to his credibility... Whether he told the exact truth or not..." etc.

Only the Communists don't love the B.O.T.M.C., suggests the chairman of the Board of Judges, who departs from the script to deal at great length with the purple perils of "totalitarianism."

That there should be any remote connection between the financial figures cited by *Business Week* and the predilection of the Book Club for people like Jan Valtin—this would no doubt strike Mr. Canby as a Red concoction. But I wish he would help explain the curious love for books that are as remote from literature as the average university professor's income is from a Book Club judge's \$25,000. For instance, the current choice of John Fischer's *Why They Behave Like Russians* (named at birth *The Scared Men in the Kremlin*).

In a review of this book in the May issue of *Soviet Russia Today* Marshall MacDuffie shows how the Book Club acted in bad faith with regard to the book. Mr. MacDuffie was head of the UNRRA mission to the Ukraine of which Fischer was a member, and on the basis of which the Book Club hails his book as authoritative.

In a series of conferences, Mr. MacDuffie pointed out a pack of errors in the manuscript to Harry Scherman and Henry Canby. They thanked him. Later they denounced his "smear" and in a letter to the 869,000 subscribers answered his "attack."

Fischer made fifty changes, but his book still rehearses Kravchenko, Barmine, Koestler, and it's still a contribution to bad will based on false generalizations, Mr. MacDuffie points out.

The conversation has gotten away from literature, but that's the way it goes when you begin talking about a mail-order house whose fortunes you can now follow on the financial pages every day.

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## Opera With Freshness, Taste and Imagination

Reviewed by John Reiner

The production of *The Telephone* and *The Medium*, two operas composed and directed by Gian-Carlo Menotti, should put to shame the hackneyed presentations of the various opera companies hereabouts. It is indeed ironic that, despite the physical, economic and artistic limitations of commercial production, opera on Broadway has outdistanced the established opera companies.

This double bill, at the Barrymore Theatre, first presented by the Ballet Society at the Hecksher Theatre in February has freshness and imagination in design, credible acting, beautiful singing, smoothness and theatricality. However, for all of Mr. Menotti's careful craftsmanship, good taste and theatrical sensitivity his work leaves a mild imprint for he has lavished his talents on mediocre material.

*The Telephone* is a charming curtain raiser about a young man who tries to propose to a young lady who likes to talk on the telephone. *The Medium* is an absorbing tale in two acts of a spiritualist who falls prey

to her own conscience with tragic consequences.

Menotti knows his music and how to tell a story with it; but he has chosen subjects so remote that his work, pleasant though it may be, still lacks vitality and excitement. In *The Medium* there are clear characterizations but no real people. There is sentimentality and anxiety but no depth of emotion. In *The Telephone* what is charming and humorous is also frivolous. Mr. Menotti should turn his talents to less remote subjects and thereby deepen his art.

The cast is excellent in their acting as well as their singing. In *The Telephone* Marlyn Cotlow as the girl who drives her boy friend to propose marriage by telephone possesses a beautiful voice and a charming personality. In *The Medium* Marie Powers in the title role sings and acts with beauty, conviction and power. Evelyn Keller as her daughter Monica brings the right amount of haunting loveliness. Horace Armistead provided the imaginative settings as well as the costumes.

## American-Soviet

## Music Society

## Concert May 12

Gail Kubik's *A Mirror for the Sky*, described by the composer as lyric theatre, will be given its world premiere on Monday evening, May 12, at the New York City Center as part of a program of the Theatre Music of Two Lands presented by the American-Soviet Music Society, of which Serge Koussevitzky is chairman.

Based on the life of the great American naturalist - artist, Audubon, and dealing primarily

with Audubon's efforts to reconcile his life as an artist in a pioneer democratic society, *A Mirror for the Sky* was written by Kubik at his home in Spring Valley, New York. The words of "Mirror" are by Jassamyn West.

The evening of Theatre Music will be staged by Robert H. Gordon, director of *Call Me Mister*, and John O'Shaughnessy, with Marc Blitzstein supervising the production. Alfred Drake will be the narrator. The production committee includes John Hoyt, costume supervisor, and Alex North, winner of a Guggenheim Fellowship.

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## U.S. to Bypass Allies On Reich Rebuilding

The United States will "push ahead" alone with the rebuilding of Germany and Japan without waiting for Big Four agreement, Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson said yesterday. In a speech outlining for the first time a five-point program for implementing the Truman Doctrine, Acheson called for authority to embargo exports to certain foreign countries and to prevent "undesirable foreign buying" in the American market so the United States can direct exports "where we want them to go." Acheson did not elaborate this demand.

Acheson, substituting for President Truman, delivered his speech before the Delta Council in Cleveland, Miss. The President cancelled his engagement last month without explanation.

Acheson referred to the statements made by Secretary of State George C. Marshall on his return from the Moscow conference—that Europe cannot wait until the Big Four reach a "compromise through exhaustion." Marshall said then "whatever action is possible . . .

must be taken without delay.

Acheson explained "what Marshall meant" as follows:

"We must . . . push ahead with the reconstruction of those two great workshops of Europe and Asia—Germany and Japan—upon which the ultimate recovery of the two continents so largely depends."

"We must take whatever action is possible immediately, even without full four power agreement, to effect a larger measure of European, including German, recovery."

This was the first time that any American official has specified that Japan is linked with the U. S. determination to proceed as far as possible on a unilateral basis with the ex-enemies.

Acheson's five-point program for implementing the Truman Doctrine, was:

1. Vast increase in American exports.
2. Large additional foreign loans to countries resisting "totalitarianism."
3. "Top priority" on American reconstruction aid to "free peoples who are seeking to preserve their independence and democratic institutions and human freedoms against totalitarian pressures."
4. "Push ahead" alone on reconstruction of Germany and Japan.
5. Extend wartime powers to give the government control over "domestic sale, transportation and exportation" of certain commodities.

## Bronx Chamber of Commerce Circulates Petition to Kill PR

By Michael Singer

While L. Gary Clemente, Queens Democratic Councilman, is pushing his witch-hunt bill, introduced in the Council last Tuesday, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce is circulating a petition to eliminate PR, the Daily Worker learned yesterday. George Mann, its director, hopes to have the necessary 50,000 signatures on the desk of Mayor O'Dwyer in time to place the issues before the voters in a fall referendum.

The two actions—the anti-Communist Clemente measure and the anti-PR petitions—are part of a concentrated reactionary campaign. O'Dwyer has commented recently that he knows of no widespread public appeal for a referendum on PR. If enough petitions like that were submitted to him, he has let it be known, he would favor putting the issue to a vote.

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce drive, surreptitiously endorsed by Borough President James Cide with the witch-hunt legislative atmosphere. Similar anti-PR J. Lyons, is being pressed to coin petitions will probably be started by other borough Chamber of Commerce.

### ROUGH GOING

Despite the quiet but powerful political backing they have, these efforts force rough going. So far as the Clemente bill is concerned, three factors appear to motivate against its ever getting beyond the Civil Employees Committee where it is now.

- Clemente is seeking \$100,000 to finance the investigation by his Little Dies Committee. The Daily Worker learned Mayor O'Dwyer is not in favor of spending the funds out of his limited treasury for a witch-hunt, though he is under strong pressures.

- Council Majority Leader Joseph T. Sharkey, Brooklyn Democrat, claims to be fed up with investigations.

- The City Council has a positive, pro-labor record to date. If the bill should come out for floor action, it would run into powerful opposition. This fight would be led by Communist Peter V. Cacchione and Benjamin J. Davis and the two Laborites, Michael J. Quill and Eugene P. Connolly.

It is almost certain that the two Independent Republicans, Stanley

M. Isaacs and Minority Leader Genevieve B. Earle, would oppose the Clemente bill. To these six members must be added certain groupings within the Democratic bloc who would be expected to question the sweeping terms of the measure and point out its impossible restrictions.

Even Louis B. Goldberg and Ira J. Palestine, the Council Liberals, who aren't abashed by their own red-baiting, would find it difficult to vote for the Clemente monstrosity. Goldberg is a Socialist, who ostensibly favors a change in the "present economic system"—a sentiment which the bill states is sufficient to oust any public official.

The Council majority has held to the progressive coalition on major issues. Its stand last month against anti-labor bills and its appeal to New York Congressmen to vote against such measures as the Hartley and Taft legislation indicates that they are not unaware of how the voters feel.

### ANTI-PR DRIVE

The PR campaign has deeper roots, however, and is more dis-

quieting. The Democrats have powerful top spokesmen who would like to see PR abolished—Borough President Lyons of the Bronx, Borough President John Cashmore of Brooklyn, Louis Cohen, assistant to the Mayor, and James J. Bennett, Deputy Mayor. Councilmen Charles E. Keegan of the Bronx, Quinn, Andrew A. Cunningham of the Bronx, are three of the rabid anti-PR supporters in the Council.

The two Dewey Republican Councilmen—Phillips and Walter McGahan of Queens—would definitely join the move to kill off PR. The other member of the trio, Edward Ragan of Manhattan, while a consistent proponent of tory measures, is unpredictable. He has made several speeches on the Council floor upholding the right of Communists "and other minorities" to introduce bills, legislate and have access to democratic processes.

The Clemente bill, if permitted to simmer, might be just the wedge the reactionaries want to open up on minority spokesmen in the Council and beat the political drums for a showdown on PR this fall.

## House Nixes Atom Transfer Ban

An amendment to ban the transfer of atomic weapons or materials under the Truman Doctrine was defeated in the House of Representatives yesterday by a voice vote.

Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Cal) introduced the amendment on the \$400,000,000 program for aid to Greece and Turkey. She said that while she was willing to trust

President Truman's judgment, she thought it should be backed up by specific legislation.

A motion introduced by Rep. George H. Bender (R-O) to strike out the enacting clause in the legislation and thus kill it, was also rejected by a standing vote of 127 to 37.

### WORLD BRIEFS

**THE PROSECUTION** charged that the key figure in the bombing of the Argentine Embassy in Madrid last February was Juana Dona Jimenez, a Communist, and demanded that the Franco Military Court pass the death sentence on her.

**MOSCOW RADIO** reported that the official Soviet News Agency

Tass had issued its own version of the Stalin-Stassen interview, which showed up a number of "imprecise" formulations in the Stassen transcript.

**STATE DEPARTMENT** in Washington announced that the Soviet Union has asked Romania for 400 freight carloads of white flour for the Red Army occupation forces there.



by BARNARD RUBIN

HERE'S one thing that Kirsten Flagstad didn't tell the press about Norwegian sentiment concerning her. The Norwegian anti-Nazi resistance movement was all set to give her the same treatment given to floozies who slept with Nazis during the war—a clean shave on the head. Flagstad's escape was due only to circumstances beyond the control of Norwegians. . . .

### TOWN TALK

Sam Wanamaker turned down the "opportunity" to star in Warner Brothers red-baiting film *Up Till Now*. . . .

Ernest Anderson, the young Negro who was given his first acting chance by Bette Davis in *In This Our Life* will play his first postwar role in a major production—the movie version of *The Voice of the Turtle*. . . .

If Margaret Truman wants to sing on the radio again she'll have to join the union—something she didn't do for her debut. As a matter of fact it was only last minute heavy pressure on the union officials that prevented them from stopping her performance last time. No one else could have gotten away with performing without a union card. . . .

Police are preparing another roundup of street walkers and pimps before the summer visitors start arriving in the city. . . .

Camel cigarettes going in for one minute commercial movie shorts as a new type of advertising. . . .

Jean Cocteau planning to bring his play *The Infernal Machine* to Broadway—possibly this summer. May hold it up however in order to get Jean Pierre Aumont, whom Cocteau wants in the play but who is contracted to J. Arthur Rank to do a film *The First Gentleman in England*. . . .

The Joseph Cottens were the house guests of presidential adviser Clark Clifford. (Clifford is one of the most powerful mediocrities in the country). . . .

Members of the National Committee on Atomic Information disowning *Metra-Goldwyn-Mayer's* film on the bomb, *The Beginning or the End*. . . .

The sheet music industry now another of the many straws in the wind. Way down. . . .

Milton Berle's wife, Joyce Mathews, is a new member of the cast of *Open House* now in rehearsal with Mary Boland in the starring role. . . .

Helena Bliss, young American soprano who has been starring in London in the operetta, *Romany Love*, due to return today on the *Queen Elizabeth*. Walter Winchell ran an item that she had left the show in England under pressure. Both Miss Bliss and Jack Hylton, British producer of *Romany Love*, have said that Winchell was all wet. She'll probably give her story on arrival. . . .

Herman G. Weinberg has been assigned by Siroitzky International Pictures Inc. to title the Marcel Pagnol film trilogy *Marius*. The three films are *Marius*, *Fanny and Cesar*, a six hour Balzacian saga of two provincial families of Marseilles. . . .

That was \$5,000,000 CBS spent on color television, not \$500,000,000 as mistakenly printed here yesterday. When I looked at the item yesterday morning I thought that the printers might have received the impression that CBS had also bought Greece and Turkey. . . .

Some people arguing with the publicity on Ruth Gordon's play *Years Ago* to the effect that it is the first autobiographical play. They point out that Molly Picon presented one a few years ago. . . .

One of the most heavily reserved books in the 42nd St. Library is *Preparation for Marriage*. If the library doesn't get more copies a lot of marriages will probably be delayed. . . .

The producers of *The Medium* and *The Telephone* by Gian-Carlo Menotti planning an extensive tour of the States for their production in the fall. (Most of the cast of *Call Me Mister* has money in the venture). . . .

### NEWSPAPER (AND LITERARY) TALK

They say what with characters like Fred Woltman winning the Pulitzer Prize that Arthur Miller, author of *All My Sons*, now has a swelled head. He DIDN'T win the prize. . . .

Again, whose iron curtain is it: United Press reports a cute one. The day that Paul Robeson was banned from singing in Peoria, Radio Moscow featured a program devoted entirely to the great artist. . . .

A nice lady from one of the lower Fifth Ave penthouses was exploring the lending library shelf of a well known Eighth St. bookshop for a current book.

"How about this one?" she asked the custodian of the shop, pointing to Laura Z. Hobson's challenge to anti-Semitism, *Gentleman's Agreement*.

"Oh, that one . . . they say it's a good book, but it's awfully, awfully controversial."

The lady put the book back on the shelf. "I think I'll take *The Egg and I*," she smiled sweetly. "I don't think I'll get into any arguments over that one." . . .

Howard Dietz brought down the house at that motion picture industry ball at the Astor Hotel. He did it simply by quoting verbatim the following item from a Hollywood columnist:

"Jean Parker, whose feet haven't left the ground since her marriage last Tuesday, reports back to work tomorrow!" . . .

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## B-29s Will 'Bomb' N. Y.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A fleet of 125 B-29 Superfortresses will plaster New York City with imaginary bombs between May 14 and 20 in a surprise daylight "strike" on the big town, the Army air forces revealed today.

Some other eastern cities also may be brought under "attack." AAF spokesmen said the exact date of the mock raid has not been set, but that it probably will be staged on May 16, if the weather permits.